

Paw Prints

Bitter Root Humane Association

Spring Quarter 2024

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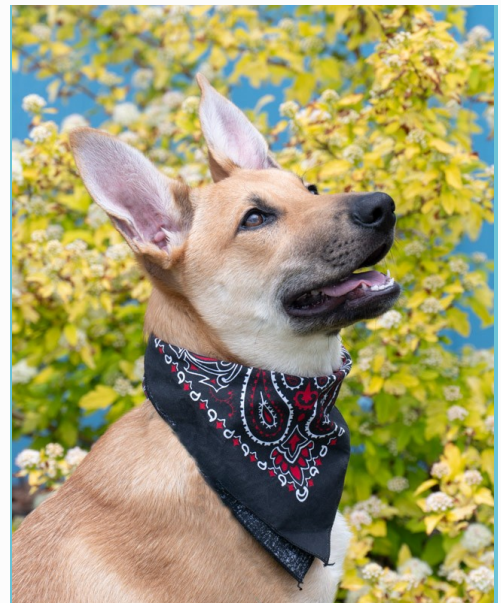
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Here comes the SUN!!!

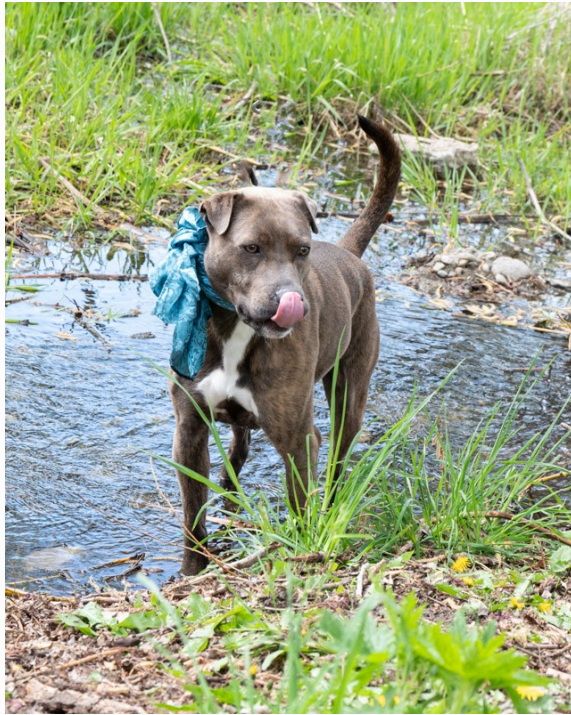
Summer is on the horizon and our calendars are FULL of exciting events and programs! Read through our newsletter to get updates on happy tails, review recent events, and see what is on the horizon for all of us and our furry friends at BRHA!



The "Duke Days of Summer"

Duke may be one of the coolest dogs you would ever meet. Smart, goofy, cuddly, and energetic What more could

you ask for? We are working with him daily to improve his social skills around other animals and trying to find more opportunities for people to meet him. Somewhere out there is Duke's forever family... Hopefully, the sun will shine on Duke this summer!



Letter from the BRHA Board President...

Hello!

I'm Lisa Allison, and I look forward to another year full of opportunities as BRHA continues to prioritize its mission.

2023 was full of change and 2024 is shaping up to be just as exciting! We are completing our front play yard and adding bricks in our memorial garden. Community outreach continues to increase and we will continue to offer ID tag and microchip clinics at no cost as we work harder at our reunification efforts to get lost pets home. You will see the addition of free vaccine events as well as more collaborative spay/neuter outreach while we lean into serving Ravalli County residents more fully.

Volunteers, ever integral to animal enrichment, can be seen around town and at events with our adoptable pets. Look for us at the O'Hara midweek market, Sapphire summer concerts and in upcoming parades!

I invite you again to visit your shelter and see how daily the staff makes a difference in the lives of the pets we are privileged to care for and we all care so much about.

For the animals,

Lisa

[Text Link](#)

Welcome new board members inducted in April...



Melissa Ryan
Daly Dog Care
Owner, Operator



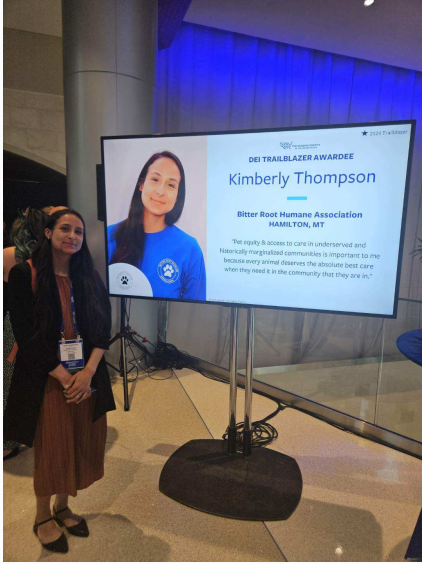
Justine Morris
Anderson Broadcasting
Journalist, Marketing



Cynthia Fisher
Cynthia Fisher Fine Art
Wildlife Artist

We are so proud of YOU!

KIM THOMPSON



DEI Trailblazer Award

One of our Lead Kennel Attendants, Kim Thompson, received a national award from the Humane Society of the United States. The award came with a full scholarship to attend the 2024 Animal Care Expo in San Antonio Texas.

"The DEI Trailblazer Award recognizes the unsung heroes in animal protection who are breaking barriers and forging new paths toward a more equitable and inclusive animal protection movement. The DEI Trailblazer Award recipients are animal welfare professionals who represent, work alongside, and serve historically marginalized and underserved communities to provide equitable access to animal care support services."

Learn more here:

<https://humanepro.org/expo/trailblazers>



Happy Tails...



TITAN "Tank"

Titan, now called "Tank", has found his forever home with one of our dedicated long-time volunteers



MALIA

Malia loves car rides, my "cooking" (licks her bowl clean), people, her huge new yard,

and new sister Denali. The first day Greg met Titan, he had a feeling that he would be taking him home. After losing one of his dogs to old age, Greg decided it was time to adopt Titan. They are now all enjoying time on the trails and soaking up the sun!

watching TV (only if there are horses) with her new dad, and me. She is learning lots of new games and toys with us. She's incredibly affectionate and smart. German Shepard Dogs are incredibly wonderful companions!

[Click here to find more adoptable animals](#)

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



BRHA Merchandise!!!

Support the shelter with a hat, hoodie, or T-shirt! We have pint glasses and Koozies too!!!

Proceeds go back to operating expenses for the shelter.

2024 BRHA Community Survey

We would like to hear from you! To continue serving our community to the fullest, we're asking asking for your input. Follow the link below...

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXHGi_d-YBIRVF7gus4nEItnUKG3UaDrTowHwb1UmSUMfzOg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Recent happenings...

SHELTER SLUMBER PAWTY:

The first and most definitely not the last, Slumber Pawty was a huge success! We raised more money than any other single fundraiser EVER! We had great attendance from the public, volunteers, and board members. Much fun was had by all and the four-legged friends loved all the attention. We had fantastic press coverage with Anderson Broadcasting, Facebook live posts, and news articles!

Read the article written by The Bitterroot Star here!

<https://bitterrootstar.com/2024/04/bitter-root-animal-shelter-hosts-slumber-pawty/>



Our First Slumber PAWty!



FREE MICROCHIPS AND ID TAGS

For the entire month of April, we participated in the 'Open Arms Challenge' promoting lost pet reunification. We were able to offer free chips and tags to hundreds of pets of all shapes and sizes throughout the valley! Thanks to the Rapp Family Foundation, we were able to extend our reunification mission through the end of May, and will continue into June.

Bitterroot Gives

A DAY OF GIVING IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH MISSOULA GIVES

NON-PROFIT GIVING DAY:

Our community is full of generosity!
We continue to be supported by individuals, families, and businesses. A HUGE thank you to everyone who dug into their pockets to give to our mission. We could not do what we do without you all.

OVER
\$3000 IN
GIVEAWAYS!

Dillard's Southgate Mall

SPRING INTO BEAUTY SCENTSATIONAL MAY 3, 2024

Food Trucks 11-4PM: Smiles 4 Miles & Pockets

Bitter Root Humane Association adoption drive 11-4PM

Wear Your Roots custom hat booth 11-4PM

Big Sky Jazz Band 2PM

Fashion Show in Women's Department 6PM

Account Executive Rafael Figueroa
Casull Masterclasses:

Tom Ford 10AM

Estee Lauder 1PM

**\$25
REWARD**

Per \$100 spent
up to \$400

POP-UP ADOPTION EVENT:

We had such great success again getting animals adopted through our partnership with Dillards. 3 adult dogs, 4 puppies, and 1 cat found their forever homes! Watch for more future events with them soon!

Bitter Root Humane Association

together with

Blacksmith Brewing

Present

Pint Night For Pets



Friday April 5th 5-8pm
Blacksmith Brewing, Stevensville

**Raffle basket ticket sales & \$1 from each
beer purchased goes to help BRHA!**

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INTERNATIONAL REALTY

ADOPT A-THON

Friday, May 3
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
127 W. Main Street

meet adoptable animals
including lovable cats and
dogs of all ages!

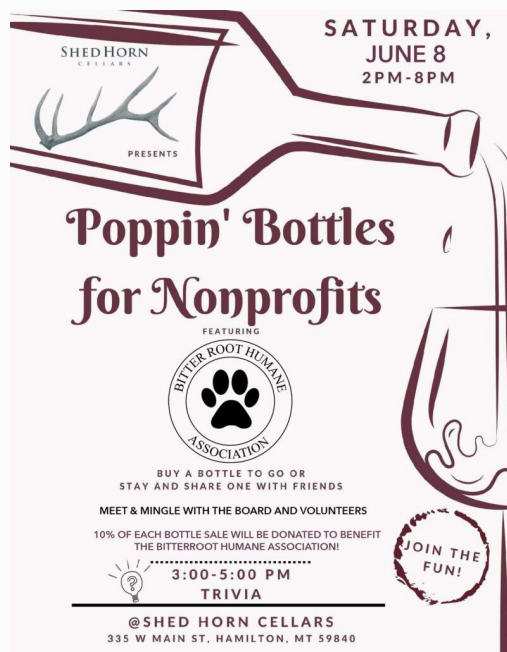
Dogs

Puppies

Cats

In conjunction with
First Friday Hamilton
Downtown Association.

Upcoming Events:



Scratchboard Workshop
Taught by Artist Cynthia Fisher
Create a lovely treasure while supporting Bitter Root Humane!

Register by calling the BRHA at
406-363-5311
or stop in at the shelter. For questions,
email Cynthia at:
cynthiasart@gmail.com

Saturday, June 15
1:00 - 4:00 pm
BRHA Meeting Room
\$50 / Person

Materials Provided:
Snacks and Drinks too!
Check out Cynthia's website
for more examples:
www.fisherart.com

All proceeds benefit Bitter Root Humane Association

Scratchboard Examples



Saturday, July 27th, 2024

Hamilton City Hall - Bedford Building

223 S. 2nd Street - Hamilton

Hamilton - 10am to 2pm

Affordable Prices - Crafters Welcome! All proceeds to



COME JOIN THE FUN



PINT NIGHT FOR PETS

Saturday, July 20th

5 - 8pm




In support of Bitter Root Humane Association!



**GREAT BREWS!
GREAT FOOD!
Great
BOOZE BASKET
RAFFLE!**



Bitter Root Brewing
101 Marcus Street, Hamilton, MT 59840


Pint Night for Pets

Friday August 16 5-8pm

LIVE MUSIC
WITH
TEXAS TOM



Join us for live music,
great food & drinks
and a chance to win an
amazing raffle basket!



A portion of the night's beer sales will be donated to BRHA, a tax exempt 501 (c) 3 organization- Tax ID# 81-0351709

DUNK (the Mayor) FOR PETS!

RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR

Friday, August 30

2:00-3:30pm




Balls
1 @ \$2
Or
3 @ \$5




Proceeds to benefit the Bitter Root Humane Association
262 Fairgrounds Road (PO BOX 57) Hamilton, MT 59840

Click to visit our Events Page for more information



Pet Memorial Park

A place for quiet contemplation of furry friends you have loved and lost

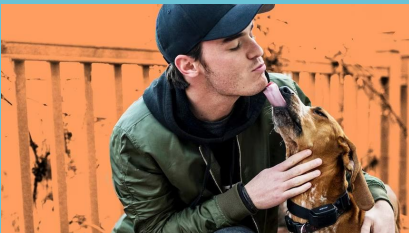


Pet Memorial Park...

Purchase a brick in remembrance of beloved pets that have crossed the rainbow bridge. These bricks will be showcased in the new garden to be appreciated for years to come.

Download a brick purchase form here...

Memorial Bricks



This Father's Day

make a gift in honor of a special Dad in your life.

Donate here

THANK YOU...

TRUNK FULL of THANKS to Stevensville Country Store!

From kitty litter and dog food to bunny pellets and medical supplies, we could not survive without all the goods donated regularly. With your help, we can keep our community pantry stocked and all our many four-legged friends happy and healthy! Next time you shop at the Country Store, pass on a THANKS from us! Click the link below to shop online!

Stevensville Country
Store



Maddie's
Fund

Thank you to our community partners for your ongoing support and generosity...



Bitterroot Disposal

Thank you for your generous donation of a giant rollaway dumpster! (over \$800 value!) We were able to do a 'little' spring cleanup of our landscaping and garage. We freed up space for storage and room for upcoming events and vaccine clinics!

Fox Hollow Animal Project

Fox Hollow Animal Project is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 Montana corporation. This organization is dedicated to ending pet overpopulation by providing high volume, high quality, targeted, affordable sterilization services of companion animals. We provide spay or neuter as a non-lethal solution to the homeless, abandoned, and feral animal population to ensure the euthanasia is no longer an acceptable means of population control.



Full Curl Mfg.

Thank you for always being willing to help with repairs and parts. You are keeping us up and running daily!





Fire Season Preparedness...

Get registered to receive emergency communications from the county. We also offer information on what to do for your pets in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

Follow the links below:

[Ravalli County Hyper-Reach](#)

[BRHA Preparedness Tools](#)

Remembrances

BRHA gratefully acknowledges the support and generosity of so many who wish to honor the memory of loved ones. We are humbled by the dedication and love of animals that those departed loved ones exhibited, and are truly grateful to their families for suggesting that memorials be

sent to the BRHA for the benefit of the animals.

March 16, 2024 through April 30, 2024

In Loving Memory of Pets

For F C Toluca Italy "Ciao" From Cheryl Dooley

For Blackthorn's Chehalis "Hal" From Cheryl Dooley

For "Growler" From Maureen Montague

For "Hal" & "Ciao" From Pat Doody

For "Peggy Sue" From Steve & Judy Estrin

For "Monti" From Leonard & Barbara McCann

For Cheryl Dooley's "Hal" From Miki Grandin

For "Tinkerbell" From Jay Noffsinger

For "Toluca Ireland" aka "Irish" From Cheryl Dooley

For "Wessie" From John Douglas

For "Spanky" From Glenda Krueger

For "Vera" From Alison Leathley

In Loving Memory of People

For Cindy Fifield From Robert Cleveland, Nell Harrington, and Michael & Gwyn Harrington

For Darlene Hughs From Reg & Mavis Wilson

For Marilyn Dodd From Alice Foster

For Patricia Herhold From Alice Foster

For Robert S. Neuroth From Penny Ritchie

For Larry Ruckman From Tracy Petrie, Sandra Carlson, Charles Ruckman, and Karen Peterson

For Becky Howard From Joan Nygaard, and Alison Leathley

For Terry Verworn From Joe Marinello

For Mable McKillop From Debbie Gill

For Verna Gill From Debbie Gill

For James Holmes From Shear Delight

For Anne Seaman From Barbara & Dave Garten

For Terry Verworn From Alice Foster

For Evelyn Louise Youmans From James & Lisa Allison, Carol & Jim Cunradi,
Don & Linda Williams, Peggie Noffsinger, Sue & Dave McCormack, Evelyn
Youmans, Carol & Dan Hamacher, Arthur & Virginia Sutton, Glenda Krueger,
Dan & Marie Myers

For Elena Shahan From Her Estate

For Joe Kelly From Carol & Dan Hamacher

For Patrick Schultz From Marilyn Warren

For Joan Sheets From Marilyn Warren

In Honor of

For “Poet” From Patricia Joron

For “Kuschel” From Corrine Gantt

For “Hank” From Katherine & Thomas Stantonhel

For Emillie Wells “Happy Birthday” From Lois Vallance



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